

Sheep Showing Team Plan 2012

INTRODUCTION

The Aim of the 2012 Team plan is to extend and refine the current model implemented in 2011.

Various positions and roles will be under taken and the importance of principal sheep will be extended further. This document will entail the responsibilities of each member and underline the events undertaken throughout the year. This Document will be first agreed upon by the team and then finalized as the Team Structure Document for 2012. This is subject to change upon team request.

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REQUIREMENTS

Compulsory Requirements (of every member),

- **MEETINGS**-All members must attend **1 Meeting a week**, two meetings will be offered each week. Meetings will be counted in the CAS Score, an Explained Absence (EA) will warrant 10 CAS Points, continuous EA's will not warrant a sufficient score to attend shows, (see CAS Scores below).
- **FEEDING**-All members must complete all **allocated Feeding Duties**, feeding duties are allocated by the relevant Stud Master, for a feeding to count you must mark your name on the board to signify you completed your feeding. EA's for feeding will only be recorded if you notify your stud master before the day on which you are designated to feed.
- **PRINCIPAL SHEEP**-You are required to maintain the health and preparation of your sheep to show standards at all times, you are also required to know about the health and history of the sheep to a certain degree this will be tested by the Individual Head Analysis.
- **WEEKLY SHEEP CHECK**-All members are required to complete a Weekly Sheep Check and publish it on Norman at the end of every week. These Checks incorporate your principal sheep's health and wellbeing as well as whether they need to be parred or crutched.
- **INDIVIDUAL HEAD ANALYSIS**-All members are required to complete an Individual Head Analysis Sheet monthly. This sheet incorporates Weights, Fleece, Maintenance, Health, Showing etc. This is done for your Principal Sheep.
- **ACTIVITY UNITS**-All members are either recommended to or required to undertake certain activities units. As you can see 5 Activity Units are offered, however you are most certainly not required to complete them all (even if you are attending every show). However the time during these activities sessions will be very valuable. The only activity that is compulsory is Unit 4 Bendigo/Sheepvention Preparation.
 - **UNIT 1 SHEEP SHOWING (PREPARTION FOR MARCH SHOWS)**-A fair bit of time in Unit 1 will be spent preparing and completing the Individual Head Analysis of your sheep. There is a lot more to do regarding your principal sheep in 2012 so Activities units are a prime time to complete this. This unit will also heavily involve preparation for Berwick Show, Warragul Show, Pakenham Show and Red Hill Show. This Unit is **HIGHLY RECCOMENDED** for all members however is not a compulsory requirement; participation in this activity will be recorded partially in the CAS Scores but predominantly in the SMP.
 - **UNIT 3 LAMBING**- Lambing will take place in Unit 3 and the Lamb and Ewe flocks will benefit greatly from being part in this activity. This Activity may be under different name, you will be told closer to the date. This Activity is beneficial and time will be made available for Principal Sheep and Individual Head Analysis work. This Unit will also make great preparation for the Autumn Field Day and Winter Field Day. This Activity is **optional**.
 - **UNIT 4 BENDIGO & SHEEPVENTION PREPARATION**-All members who are attending Bendigo Show or Sheepvention will be required to complete this activity. This provides excellent prep for the Winter Field Day, Bendigo Show and Sheepvention. There will be additional requirements of the Bendigo/Sheepvention Show Team regarding preparation and their Principal Sheep, thus this will be an ideal time to complete this. If you are attending Bendigo/Sheepvention and cannot undertake this

activity you must contact your Stud Master immediately. Only Pre-Booked activities in general will count as excuses. **This activity is compulsory for those attending Bendigo/Sheepvention and optional for those who are not.** This will be scored as CAS for those attending Bendigo/Sheepvention and as SMP for those not attending or unable to complete the activity due to being in another Pre booked activity.

- **UNIT 5 or 6 MELBOURNE & GEELONG PREPARTION**-All members who are going to attend Melbourne or Geelong Show are **highly recommended** to attend this activity. During this activity you will be given time to work on your principal sheep, individual head analysis and prepare for the Spring Field Day, Melbourne Show and Geelong. This activity is not compulsory.
- **UNIT 7 NOVEMBER SHOW PREP**- A fair bit of time in Unit 7 will be spent preparing and completing the Individual Head Analysis of your sheep. There is a lot more to do regarding your principal sheep in 2012 so Activities units are a prime time to complete this. This unit will also heavily involve preparation for Whittlesea Show, Ballarat/Dandenong Show and Clunes Show. This Unit is **RECCOMENDED** for all members however it is not a compulsory requirement; participation in this activity will be recorded partially in the CAS Scores but predominantly in the SMP.
- **WOODLEIGH FIELD DAYS**-During these field days, mock showing, judged on preparation will take place, prizes will be awarded. Parrng/Crutching workshops will take place as well as Junior Judging, Handling and Fleece Judging. The following Field Days will take place in 2012; exact dates will be made known closer to the date. These days are a compulsory requirement of being on the team, if you cannot attend and wish an EA you must notify your stud master 1 week prior to the day. This is recorded as a CAS Score in 2012.
 - **SUMMER FIELD DAY**-End of Week 2 of Term 1, this is to five people additional time to prepare sheep for Berwick and the other March Shows. Sheep will also need to be heavily prepared in this period as all will have a decent amount of fleece and will not have been prepared throughout the summer holidays.
 - **AUTUMN FIELD DAY**-End of May, early Term 2, New lambs will be a major part of this day, however they will most likely be excused from the showing, tails and tags can be done on this day and lambs will be marked. Mock Showing and the over various competitions will take place. This is also Bendigo/Sheepvention Preparation Day 1 for those who will be in either Show Teams.
 - **WINTER FIELD DAY**-End of Term 2 (early July or late June). This is a major preparation day for Bendigo and Hamilton Show. Mock Showing will be a major part of the day to encourage people to prepare their sheep to a show standard. Junior Judging will also be a major focus as there are many competitions at Bendigo/Hamilton regarding this. This is also Bendigo/Sheepvention Preparation Day 2 for those who will be in either Show Teams.
 - **SPRING FIELD DAY**-End of Term 3, Major Preparation Day for Geelong & Melbourne Show. First time lambs will be shown separate to Mums in the mock showing! Follows same set up as previous Field Days. This is also Melbourne/Geelong preparation Day 1 for those in those respective Show Teams.
- **PREPARTION DAYS**-All members will be required to attend preparation days for the associated shows they wish to attend, in the show Calender below, preparation days will be

listed. In Some cases preparation days will be cancelled/changed or added to this list. Preparation Days are compulsory and part of the CAS Scores.

- **FLOCK RESPONSIBILITIES**-These responsibilities entail, these tasks will be delegated to people evenly by the Stud Masters and be marked under Flock Responsibilities in the CAS Score and recorded fortnightly.
 - Worm Egg Counts
 - Pasture Checks
 - Health Administration to ill sheep
 - Show Posters

Optional Activities

- Afternoon Sessions, 4-5pm after school. These will be offered 2-3 times a week. This is an excellent time to work on Individual Head Analysis or prepare your sheep for various shows. This is marked under SMP.
- Weekend or Holiday feeding this is an excellent time for you to visit the farm during the holidays and help the staff! This is marked under SMP.
- Addition Preparation Sessions, you may wish to attend more than the required preparation session for various shows and thus the additional sessions will be marked as SMP.
- Additional Feeding/Swaps, if you cover someone's feeding or elect to do extra feeding you will be awarded 20 instead of 15 in regards to your CAS feeding score.

PRINCIPAL SHEEP

Principal Sheep will become a much more prominent part of your duties in 2012. You will be required to do the following:

- Complete Weekly checks on your animal and publish their health and preparation status weekly on the portal
- Complete every month an Individual Head Analysis which involves recording the following:
 - Health
 - Diet
 - Maintenance
 - Weight
 - Fleece Quality
 - Handling
- Keeping your sheep well prepared to show standards at all times and showing them at Shows and Field Days.

You will be able to submit a form requesting who you want to be your principal Sheep for 2012. This will also determine your Flock. Flocks will need to be balanced and in some cases people will be asked to care for 2 animals rather than 1. The Condition of your sheep in regards to preparation will be checked regularly, if you fail to meet the desired standards you will be warned and asked to complete set tasks on your sheep in a set time period. If you fail to do this you will be revoked from attending the next show. Various other projects will only be asked of you regarding your principal sheep especially before Bendigo. You will be able to dictate somewhat when you work on your

principal Sheep however this freedom comes with a responsibility and commitment. It is your responsibility for your animal to be well prepared and healthy at all times.

FLOCKS

There will be four flocks each with a Stud Master in 2012. Each Flock will be tasked with the responsibility to care for a certain group of sheep. The following are the flocks responsibility rather than the principal Handlers responsibility.

- Feeding
- Worm Egg Counts
- Pasture Checks
- Health Administration to ill sheep
- Show Posters
- Paddock Rotation
- Feeding/Diet Requirements
- Breeding (to a certain degree)
- Day to Day Duties
- Flock Analysis Sheets (Stud Master)

RAMS

Includes all male Corriedales over the age of 10-14 months

The Ram group is generally the more experienced handlers, and they are responsible in keeping are largest and strongest animals well prepared and healthy. People in the ram group will also take part in a lot of Field Work like WEC and Pasture Checks. The workload for rams is larger than for other groups however this is offset by the handlers' experience and the small number of rams kept by the school. Some Rams will also be joined with Ewes in early December each year.

EWES

Includes all female Corriedale over the age of 10-14 months

The Ewe group generally holds moderate to highly experienced members, as those who graduate from the lamb group will always move to the ewe group for a term before advancing to rams. The Ewe groups greatest challenge is with dealing with an over whelming number of sheep, in 2012 this number will be 14. However the Ewes are generally split into dry and pregnant/lactating. Thus the ewes often need to work very closely with the Lamb Group. There is a large variety of work tasked with the ewes and an immense work load in coordinating several mobs of ewes at once, thus ewes generally have the largest team designated to them. Some Ewes will be labelled "Breeding Ewes only," and will be given out as Second's not as Principals.

LAMBS

Includes all Corriedales under the age of 10-14 months

The Lamb group generally deals with the new inexperienced members of the team and a large part of the lamb groups schedule is education in new skills. The number of lambs in the 2012 drop is expected to be 12. However this could vary. The lambs for the months between May and September

will be working heavily with the ewes and be tasked with feeding the lactating ewes and lambs as they will run as one mob. Marking and Weaning is a large part of the lamb group. Several lambs will also be sold at the end of 2012 depending on numbers and the lamb group will also have a say in deciding which animals to cull.

DORPERS

Includes all Dorpers

The Dorper Group may not begin until a fair way through 2012, however the plan is to have this new breed develop and breed at Woodleigh. The Dorper group will be entirely independent of the Corriedale Groups and lambing times will be different. Admission into the Dorper Group may only be by regulars and they must have completed a 4 month long term with the lamb flock. The Dorper Flock will have to deal with Rams, Lambs and Ewes respectively, as there are very few numbers.

ROLES & POSITIONS

There are several stand alone roles in the Sheep Team, and there will be many more in 2012. These positions however have requirements below they are listed in order of authority. However this does not in any way discriminate people it is only a way of highlighting the experienced members and signifying that they must be the ones that aid the younger members.

- Leader
- Minister for Stud Masters
- The 4 Stud Masters
- Deputy Stud Masters
- Record Keeper
- Regulars

Below there is a detailed description of the tasks involved in each of these positions/roles.

Minister for Stud Masters

The Minister for Stud Masters is responsible for ensuring that all the Stud Masters complete all necessary paper work and keep their flocks well run and healthy. The Minister for Stud Masters must have been on the Sheep Showing Team for at least 2 years and be ranked Adept or above in the Attendance Scores. The Minister for Stud Masters may not be a Stud Master however must be part of a flock and have a principal sheep as per normal.

Stud Masters

Stud Masters are responsible for delegating and completing all flock activities and requirements and ensuring that all those in their flock complete all the necessary requirements, principal sheep, meetings, prep days etc. The Stud Master position is elected every year and their position lasts from Term 2 to Term 1 of the following year. Stud Masters must however have been on the team for 1 year and be classified as at least Adept in the Attendance Scores. Stud Masters are expected to run afternoon sessions and meetings and organise preparation times for their flocks if necessary. Stud Master also have a principal sheep and must be part of the feeding roster and assume all responsibilities as a normal member.

Deputy Stud Masters

Deputy Stud Master aid Stud Masters in their role and are the first candidate for Acting Stud Master if the Stud Master is absent. Deputy Stud Masters are generally the seconds in the voting regarding Stud Masters.

Record Keeper

Generally a Stud Master, Minister or Deputy, the Record Keeper marks the role at the meetings and checks the feeding board at the end of the week. The record keeper also collects individual head analysis sheets and marks them off, and informs the relative stud masters if anything goes amiss. They pass on the information which forms the CAS and SMP Scores and thus QCOS. This position is a selected position.

ATTENDANCE SCORES & RANKS

The Attendance Scores are a method of ensuring everyone is completing all their necessary tasks. These scores are published at the end of every week. The Attendance Scores then at the end of the week distinguish all members into ranks, these ranks reflect the amount of time each person is putting in, thus meaning we can reward and warn people respectively. The Ranks are as follows in order of attendance.

- Senior
- Adept
- Junior (Adept)
- Regular
- Junior (Regular)
- Junior
- Irregular
- Inactive Junior
- Minimal
- Dormant

The Ranks Junior and above signify that the person is completing all desired requirements and some optional ones and all ranks Irregular and below signify that the person has failed to meet these requirements. To attend a show you must have a rank of Junior and above. The Higher your rank the more likely you will be accepted into the 'selected only shows'. The Ranks are calculated by the following

- **Senior**, CAS Above 16 and QCOS 75 and above
- **Adept**, CAS Above 14 and QCOS 50 and above
- **Junior (Adept)**, CAS above 14 and QCOS above 50, as well as classifying as a junior (has been to fewer than 2 shows).
- **Regular**, CAS Above 12.5
- **Junior (Regular)**, CAS above 12.5, as well as classifying as a junior (has been to fewer than 2 shows).
- **Junior**, CAS above 10, as well as classifying as a junior (has been to fewer than 2 shows).
- **Irregular**, CAS between 10 and 12.5

- **Inactive Junior**, CAS below 10, as well as classifying as a junior (has been to fewer than 2 shows).
- **Minimal**, CAS below 10
- **Dormant**, not part of the team at this stage, thus not being recorded.

Compulsory Attendance Scores (CAS)

CAS is a summary of all compulsory activities. Each activity is scored between 0 and 20. Most often:

- 20 Double Attendance
- 15 Attended
- 12.5 1st Absence of 2 Events, in which the other is present.
- 10 Explain Absence
- 0 Absent

These scores are then weighted depending on the event by 1,2 or 3. Thus the score is then multiplied by the weight. Thus then the scores are then divided by the sum of the weights, giving an average. This average should always be above 12.5 The Following are part of the CAS Score and their weights are also displayed.

- Meetings (1)
- Feeding (1)
- Sheep Check (1)
- Field Days (3)
- Individual Head Analysis (2)
- Preparation Days (2)
- Principal Sheep Duties Monthly (2)
- Flock Responsibilities (1)
- Compulsory Activity Units -U4- (2)

Sheep Merit Points (SMP)

SMP is an accumulative Score displaying the sum of all your compulsory and optional scores. These are scored as follows

- 5-60 Attended
- 0 No Attendance

The Attendance Increment is dependent on the event. The following are included in the SMP Calculations

- All Compulsory Scores
- Afternoon Sessions (20)
- Senior Board Meetings (10)
- Optional Activity Units (30)
- Additional Preparation Day (40)
- Weekend/Holiday Feeding (10)
- And Others

QUARTILE COMPULSORY AND OPTIONAL SCORES (QCOS)

The SMP Scores are then recorded and the following statistics are retrieved from the scores

- Maximum
- Q3
- Median
- Q1
- Minimum

Then each SMP Score is placed in the respective quartile, either in the

- 1st Minimum to Q1 (0-25)
- 2nd Q1 to Median (25-50)
- 3rd Median to Q3 (50-75)
- 4th Q3 to Maximum (75-100)

Then the difference between the SMP score and the Q3 if in 4th, Median if in 3rd, Q1 if in 2nd or Minimum if in 1st is recorded as the Quartile Increment. The Quartile Increment is then divided by the range of the Quartile in which Score is within and multiplied by 25. Then the following is also added

- 0, if in the 1st Quartile
- 25, if in the 2nd Quartile
- 50 if in the 3rd Quartile
- 75 if in the 4th Quartile

Thus this gives a score between 0-100 representing the QCOS, the QCOS is only used in higher scores (Adept and senior), and is a way of summarising the Compulsory and Optional Scores and ranking them accordingly. Thus a QCOS above 50 means you are in the top most proficient half of the team.

PERCENTAGE COMPULSARY AND OPTIONAL SCORES (PCOS)

PCOS is rarely used; however it may sometimes moderate the QCOS Scores. PCOS is calculated by the SMP Score divided by the Maximum, then multiplied by 100.

SHOW DATES AND DEADLINES 2012

Below is a list of the dates of all the shows in 2011 and the when expressions of interests are due.

Berwick Show -25th of February

Saturday of Week 3 Term 1

Local Country Show with a variety of stalls and agricultural competitions. Competition in the Sheep Section is against the other schools, EMC and Cairo.

Non Restricted Attendance, Max of 10 People, Regulars and above

Expressions of Interest Close 14th of February (Tuesday Week 2).

Preparation Occurs mostly on the Summer Field Day on the 18th of February (Saturday Week 2).

Warragul Show -3rd of March

Saturday of Week 4 Term 1

Local Country Show with a variety of stalls and agricultural competitions. The Sheep Section did not operate last year thus confirmation of this show will be given closer to the date.

Non Restricted Attendance, Max of 10 People, Regulars and above

Expressions of Interest Close 21st of February (Tuesday Week 3), however we encourage you to get expressions of interests in before 14th of February (Tuesday Week 2).

Preparation Occurs mostly on the Summer Field Day on the 18th of February (Saturday Week 2).

Pakenham -17th of March

Saturday of Week 6 Term 1

Local Country Show with a variety of stalls and agricultural competitions. The Sheep Section is reasonably large for a country show with 3 other schools present.

Non Restricted Attendance, Max of 10 People, Regulars and above

Expressions of Interest Close 6th of March (Tuesday Week 5),

Preparation Occurs mostly during Practical Meetings and sessions organized by Stud Masters

Red Hill -24th of March

Saturday of Week 7 Term 1

Our Local Show, Red Hill has a very close connection to Woodleigh School. The Sheep section is small however there is reasonable competition between the 2 other schools, EMC and Cairo.

Non Restricted Attendance, Max of 10 People, Regulars and above

Expressions of Interest Close 12th of March (Tuesday Week 6),

Preparation Occurs mostly during Practical Meetings and sessions organized by Stud Masters

Bunyip -31st of March TBC

Saturday of Week 8 Term 1

Local Country Show with a variety of stalls and agricultural competitions. The Sheep Section did not operate from 09 and 10 but did in 2011 thus whether we attend Bunyip is TBC.

Non Restricted Attendance, Max of 10 People, Regulars and above

Expressions of Interest Close 19th of March (Tuesday Week 7),

Preparation Occurs mostly during Practical Meetings and sessions organized by Stud Masters

Australian Sheep and Wool Show (Bendigo)

19th to the 22nd of July, End of Term 2-3 Holidays

The Largest and Grandest Show we attend, the ASWS has thousands of sheep attend each year and the experience each year is remarkable. The Feature this year at Bendigo is the British Breeds. There are 2 Days of Showing at Bendigo plus the schools interbreed, open interbreed, rotation workshops and about 4 student competitions.

Selected Attendance, Max of 11 People, Regulars and above only

Expressions of Interest Close 15th of **March** (Friday Week 6 **Term 1**), Late Submission will be accepted before 27th of April however acceptance will not be guaranteed. We realise this is many months in advance however for sheep to be prepared efficiently thus needs to be done early.

Final Team Confirmation 4th of **May** (Friday Week 2 **Term 2**)

Show Roster Finalized 8th of **May** (Tuesday Week 3 **Term 2**)

Preparation will occur on several dates:

- Unit 4 Bendigo Preparation Activity (Compulsory)
- Principal Handlers Personal allocated time
- Stud Master organized in school Preparation Sessions.
- Autumn Field Day (Late May Date TBC)
- Winter Field Day (Late June or Early July Date TBC)
- Bendigo Preparation Day 1 (12th of July)
- Bendigo Preparation Day 2 (17th of July)

Sheepvention (Hamilton)

5th to the 7th of August, Sunday-Tuesday of Week 2 to Week 3 of Term 3

The 2nd Largest and Grandest Show we attend, the ASWS has thousands of sheep attend each year and the experience each year is remarkable. Hamilton has the largest array of sites and agricultural events to seem, with hundreds of info tents set up, we also will be participating in the fencing competition.

Selected Attendance, Max of 11 People, Regulars and above only

Expressions of Interest Close 1st of **May** (Tuesday Week 2 **Term 2**)

Final Team Confirmation 11th of **May** (Friday Week 3 **Term 2**)

Show Roster Finalized 20th of **May** (Tuesday Week 5 **Term 2**)

Preparation will occur on several dates:

- Unit 4 Bendigo/Sheepvention Preparation Activity (Compulsory)
- Principal Handlers Personal allocated time
- Stud Master organized in school Preparation Sessions.
- Autumn Field Day (Late May Date TBC)
- Winter Field Day (Late June or Early July Date TBC)
- Sheepvention Preparation Day (Saturday 4th of August TBC)

Royal Melbourne Show

First Weekend of Term 3-4 Holidays, exact dates TBC

The Royal Melbourne Show is a grand show, with many handling and judging sessions available to schools. This will be the first show in which Woodleigh will attend Melbourne. This Show will run very differently from other shows. Only very few sheep will be attending

Selected Attendance, Max of 8 People, Regulars and above only

Expressions of Interest Close 14th of **August** (Tuesday Week 4 **Term 3**)

Final Team Confirmation 24th of **August** (Friday Week 5 **Term 3**)

Show Roster Finalized 28th of **August** (Tuesday Week 6 **Term 3**)

Preparation will occur on several dates:

- Unit 5 or 6 Melbourne/Geelong Preparation Activity (Compulsory)
- Principal Handlers Personal allocated time
- Stud Master organized in school Preparation Sessions.
- Spring Field Day (Early September Date TBC)
- Melbourne Preparation Day TBC

Royal Geelong Show

Thursday-Sunday of the 2nd week of Term 4 dates TBC

The Royal Geelong Show was the first Show Woodleigh ever went to, it is great show with a large sheep section and many breeders to talk to and side shows to entertain you.

Selected Attendance, Max of 11 People, Regulars and above only

Expressions of Interest Close 14th of **August** (Tuesday Week 4 **Term 3**)

Final Team Confirmation 24th of **August** (Friday Week 5 **Term 3**)

Show Roster Finalized 28th of **August** (Tuesday Week 6 **Term 3**)

Preparation will occur on several dates:

- Unit 5 or 6 Melbourne/Geelong Preparation Activity (Compulsory)
- Principal Handlers Personal allocated time
- Stud Master organized in school Preparation Sessions.
- Spring Field Day (Early September Date TBC)
- Geelong Preparation Day TBC

November Shows

Early and Mid November

Information regarding Whittlesea & Clunes Show will be made available closer to the date.

Non Restricted Attendance, Max of 10 People, Regulars and above

All Expressions of Interest will be due early-mid Term 4

Teams will be finalized at least 3 weeks prior to the show

Rosters will be sent out at least 2 weeks prior to the show

Preparation will be made during the Unit 7 Activity predominantly.